Shortage of wagons

283. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of wagons and railways have not been able to meet the full requirement of wagons for various commodities including coal, iron ore and foodgrains for export and transportation of cement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the licensed capacity of various wagon manufacturing units and the number of wagons produced in them during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The reply is furnished in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of the licensed capacity of manufacturing units under Public Sector/Private Sector/Railways and the number of wagons produced in them from 2001-02 *to* 2003-04.

		Licensed Capacity	Production in (4 wheeler units)		
			2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Public Sector Units				
1.	Bharat Wagon Engg. Co. Ltd., Muzaffarpur	2000	905	497.5	125
2.	Bharat Wagon Engg. Co. Ltd., Mokameh	2000	520	430	160
3.	Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., Kolkata	3000	1170	1455	1232.5
4.	Burn Standard Co. Ltd., Burnpur	3911	1222.5	1345	820

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Burn Standard Co. Ltd., Howrah	4750	490	1507.5	1420
6.	Bridge & Roof, Kolkata	@	342.5	452.5	320
7.	SSL	@	35	12.5	0
	Total Public Sector		4685	5700	4077.5
	Private Sector				
8.	Texmaco Ltd., Kolkata	3800	920	1830	3055
9.	Modern Industries, Sahibabad, U.P.	2000	845	955	1092.5
10.	Hindustan Engg. Industries, Kolkata	4056	1300	2146.5	971
11.	BESCO Ltd., Kolkata	@	1557.5	1684	2171
12.	Titagarh Steels Ltd., Kolkata	@	1100	1607.5	2020
13.	Jessops & Co. Ltd., Kolkata	3279	440	430	640
	Total Private Sector		6162.5	8643	9949.5
	Railway Workshops	2100	1799.5	2231	2546
	GRAND TOTAL:		12647	16584	16573

@ not assessed as they were not producing wagons at the time of assessment.

Bifurcation of the Trivandrum-Palakkad railway division

284. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are considering to bifurcate the Trivandrum and Palakkad railway divisions for setting up a new division in Salem, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railways also plan to create more railway divisions; and